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LOK SABHA

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USE DISTRIBUTION OF UREA FERTLIZER
AVTAR SINGH BHADANA;RAJO SINGH;RAOSAHEB PATIL DANVE

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to open the distribution of urea to private sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) the percentage of urea fertilizer being used in the country, particularly in Bihar and Uttar Pradesh:

(e) whether the Government are contemplating to reduce the use of this fertilizer; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) to (c): The distribution of fertilizers within the state is the responsibility of the concerned State Governments. The fertilizers are normally distributed to farmers through cooperative network, State Government and private outlets/sale points. However, the State Governments of H.P., J&K, Tripura and Nagaland are distributingurea through State Institutional agencies/State Governments. Besides, in Madhya Pradesh, while urea is mainly distributed through State Institutional agencies, fertilizercompanies are also permitted to sell through company owned retail outlets.

(d): State Percentage of Urea consumption to totalfertilizer consumption during 2000-01 Bihar 67.13 Uttar Pradesh 69.20 All india 53.96

(e) & (f): The Government is implementing the following Schemes for balanced andintegrated use of fertilizers and organic sources of nutrients:-

(i) The soil test based judicious use of chemical fertilizers, organic nutrients and biofertilizers is being promoted as Integrated Nutrient Management to increase the efficiency of chemical fertilizers.

(ii) Financial support is being given to decontrolled phosphatic and potassic fertilizers so as to increase their consumption and thereby to bring balance in NPK consumption.

(iii) Cheap and renewable sources of organic nutrients like organic manures, green manures and biofertilizers are being promoted as supplement to the chemical fertilizers.